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In re application of:

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For: CLONING OF A NOVEL
INHIBITOR OF ANTIGEN-RECEPTOR
SIGNALING BY A RETROVIRAL-
BASED FUNCTIONAL SCREEN

Examiner: Marianne Dibrino

Art Unit: 1644

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed July 28, 2004, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-3, and 5, drawn to a SLIM nucleic acid encoding a SLIM protein that is able to bind Cb1.

The foregoing election is made with traverse, as the eight groups set forth by the Examiner all stem from a common concept and theory, and are thus related. As such, prosecution of the claims of Groups I-VIII would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement and consider all the claims together.

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Applicants also note that claim 5 is generic with respect to the ability of the protein to bind Cbl. Therefore, upon a finding of allowability, the Examiner should rejoin claim 4 as it is linked to claim 5.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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